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SUBJECT: TRADE UNION AND NGOS DELIVER LETTER ON DISARMAMENT FOR THE PRESIDENT

¶1. (U) Representatives of the Japanese Trade Union Confederation (RENGO), the Japan Congress Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs (GENSUIKIN) and the National Council for Peace and against Nuclear Weapons (KAKKIN) met EMIN July 2 to deliver a letter to President Obama signed by the heads of their delegations, appreciating the President's Prague speech and urging him to take the initiative on disarmament. They also noted the letter's invitation for him to visit Hiroshima or Nagasaki.

¶2. (U) The text of the groups' letter to the President follows. The original copy was scanned for post's records and pouched to EAP/J.

2 July 2009

Mr. Barack Hussein Obama, Jr.,
President
The United States of America

Dear Mr. President:

RE: Toward the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons

¶1. On April 5, in Prague, you gave a speech on a world without nuclear weapons. Our three organizations - the Japanese Trade Union Confederation (JTUC-RENGO), Japan Congress Against A- and H-Bombs (GENSUIKIN) and the National Council for Peace and Against Nuclear Weapons (KAKKIN) - are working together toward the abolition of nuclear weapons and achievement of everlasting world peace. We strongly support your clear declaration of your intention to pursue a concrete path toward a peaceful and safe "world without nuclear arms."

¶2. We particularly welcome your clear statements that you would like to recommence negotiations on a successor treaty to Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START 1) within the year and the early ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), and the launch of negotiations on the Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty (FMCT), as well as your call for a global summit on nuclear security.

¶3. In anticipation of the achievement of a world without nuclear weapons under your leadership, our three organizations have strong hopes to see, in addition to the strengthening of the international solidarity, the early ratification of the CTBT at the 2010 CTBT Review Conference as agreed upon on at the 2000 NPT Review Conference; the immediate launch of negotiations on the FMCT, and the formation of a consensus regarding a feasible process of nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation including a clear commitment by the nuclear powers for the elimination of nuclear arms.

Partly to encourage this process, we urge you to personally visit

Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which suffered from attacks with nuclear weapons.

14. Also, in regard to North Korea, which conducted a nuclear test on May 25, we call on you to demand the full implementation of its return to the NPT and IAEA safeguards at an early date, as pledged in the Joint Resolution (September 19, 2005) at the fourth session of the Six Party Talks, and to urge North Korea, as a member of the United Nations, to sincerely execute international agreements.

We look forward to your efforts for the achievement of the elimination of nuclear arms and the achievement of everlasting world peace.

Sincerely,

(signed Shingo Fukiyamja for)	(signed) Hamano for)
Koichi Kawano	Tsuyoshi Takagi Naomi Maruo
Chairperson	President Chairperson
GENSUIKIN	RENGO KAKKIN

End text of letter.

13. The delegation included:

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